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Part 3: Numbers 1 & 2

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Between my two graphs, Percentages of People Below the Poverty Line Bottom/ Top Ten States, I noticed and researched a few things. All the bottom ten states are below 10% and the top ten states are all above 15%. I also noticed that most of the bottom ten states are in the east and the top ten states are mostly in the south. My mom learned in a college course that states with more Mexican immigrants tend to have higher poverty levels, which explains why the southern states have higher poverty levels, they border Mexico. On the CensusScope website, I saw a map of where blacks live and most live in the ten highest poverty states (CensusScope, 2000). Most of these states are in the south, and racial discrimination contributes to poverty in these states. I found on Wikipedia that most low poverty level states are in the east and have anti-poverty programs (Wikipedia, 2009). The people who live in these states have higher incomes, so more taxes can go to these programs. Poverty-wise, I would prefer to live in the east so that I can keep my family healthy, happy and safe from loss of money.

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